

COUNTRY East Germany Approved For Release 2002/07/23 : CIA-RDP80-00810A000900810004-9TOPIC Koethen Airfield

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25X1X ☐ 1. The following observations were made at the field from 31 January through 12 February:

31 January. No flying was observed. There was a 10/10 overcast at an altitude of about 500 meters with drizzles.

3 February. Several MiG-15s fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks made 15-minute individual training flights from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There was a 2/10 overcast at an altitude of 1,500 meters and good visibility. At 3:30 p.m., four planes were parked at the field.

4 February. Air activity was observed.

6 February. No flying was observed. There was a 10/10 overcast at an altitude of about 800 meters; temperature was -10° C.

9 February. No flying was observed between 2 and 3 p.m.. The weather was overcast with snow falls.

10 February. Some single-engine planes made local flights in the morning.

12 February. No air activity was observed between 10 and 11:15 a.m. There was a 4/10 overcast at an altitude of 1,800 meters. In early February, the airfield was deeply covered with snow, which was cleared off the runway on the days when air activity was observed.

25X1 ☐ 2. About 6 p.m. on 10 February, four flatcars each loaded with two new ☐ trucks arrived at the field. 25X1

3. No air activity was observed on 31 January. The weather was overcast with intermittent rains. Six MiG-15s were seen in front of the hangars. At 1 p.m. on 2 February, two MiG-15s without auxiliary fuel tanks landed at the field at an interval of two minutes. From 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. three MiG-15s practiced flying. At 9 a.m., six aircraft were parked in front of the hangars.

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- ☐ 5. On 12 February, two tank trucks towing a device apparently used for the leveling of the snow were seen on the runway of the field.
6. On 12 February, one SCR-602 set and a Dumo type radar set, about 50 meters apart from each other were seen between hangars 2 and 3.
7. The bunkers in the AAA emplacement at the southern edge of the field were occupied. Activities were continuously observed at the emplacement.⁴

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8. Source observed six fuel tanks each with an estimated diameter of 2.5 meters at the fuel dump on the Basdorf-Koethen highway. ☐



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1. ☐ Comment. A fighter regiment and an unidentified unit equipped with MiG-15s are stationed at Koethen airfield. According to available information, about 40 MiG-15s, most of which are parked in hangars, are stationed at the field.

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2. ☐ Comment. The radar sets have been observed for the first time. Since they were standing between hangars, it appears that they were not yet in operation.

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3. ☐ Comment. It is believed that only an AAA battery equipped with 6 x 37-mm guns is stationed at the field.

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